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In re the Application of: Kentaro KAWAKAMI et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING VESSEL BODY
AND THUS FORMED VESSEL BODY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 27, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2001 for one month from November 5, 2001 to December 5, 2001.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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